



Zion Lutheran Monthly



August 2013

Got Care?

Sunday, August 18th will be Zion’s first-ever “Stephen Ministry Sunday.” Our Stephen Ministers will usher, read, and serve during the service to draw attention to a ministry that was started less than a year ago, but that has already borne tremendous fruit!

Our Stephen Ministers have received over 50 hours of training and Continuing Education in the art of Christ-Centered Care-Giving. Several of them have been assigned “care receivers,” people they meet with on a regular basis to speak words of comfort, offer prayer, or simply provide a compassionate ear and quality time for someone whose life has provided them with unwelcome challenges. Several of our Stephen Ministers have been visiting residents of Concordia of the South Hills, an LCMS facility that has facilities ranging from independent living, to physical rehabilitation, to assisted living, to skilled nursing.

The skills learned in Stephen Ministry Training apply not only to the “caring relationships” created through Stephen Ministry, but can be used in existing friendships. We will be offering a Stephen Ministry Training Class starting in September. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister, or at least consider going through the training. And if you are going through a hard time (a death of a loved-one, the kids leaving home, a divorce, prolonged or serious illness, unemployment, loneliness, or a spiritual crisis), please consider having a Stephen Minister. Everything is kept highly confidential. Contact Pastor Duncan for more information on how you can be involved with the care-giving work of Stephen Ministry.

All the best,
In Christ,
Pastor Duncan McLellan

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Thank You!

For your feedback on the flooring committee survey!



What's Up with Confirmation?

We are overhauling how we do Confirmation. The **SUBSTANCE** will be the same: 9 units covering the Old Testament, New Testament, Christian History, and the 6 Chief Parts of Luther's Small Catechism (10 Commandments, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession and the Lord's Supper). We are going to add a unit called "Your Life in Christ."

HOW we teach these 10 Units is what is going to be very different. Instead of having class on Monday evenings 30-32 weeks out of the year, we are going to offer "Modules" where the units will be taught. For example, we might teach the unit on the Lord's Prayer at an overnight "retreat" at Camp Jumonville. We might teach the unit on the 10 Commandments over a weekend at Camp Pioneer. And we might teach the Lord's Supper over an afternoon at Zion.

WHO we teach the Confirmation Material to is also somewhat different. Instead of only accepting 7th (and, in some cases, 6th) graders, we are going to open Confirmation Instruction to anyone whose parents believe they are ready to learn the basics of the Christian faith. Some parents might want their child to wait until high school to begin learning; others might want to start their child experiencing the "modules" in 5th or 6th grade. But while we won't turn anyone away, parents should know that the material is geared for 7-8th graders.

An "Informational Meeting" for Confirmation will take place on Monday evening, September 9th in the Conference Room at Zion.

The end of summer is around the corner. Do you know what that means?

Oktoberfest? Yes. But that's in September.

Men's Monday Night Football? You bet... starting in SEPTEMBER.

Confirmation Instruction? Again, September.

With the end of summer just around the corner, it's time for **A FREE CAR WASH** at Zion!

We'll be washing and detailing cars on the **24th of August**.

And we'll need your help...

Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. This is a great way to serve (and be served). Set-up starts at 9; cars start getting cleaned at 10.

Hope you can make it!



A great time was had by all at Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School! Children learned that God’s love, family and friends, prayer, and trusting God and His Word all help us **STAND STRONG!** 87 children enjoyed interactive Bible stories, Games, Science experiments, Music and Creative Snacks, all revolving around the **STAND STRONG** theme. They also learned about children in India who do not know the love of God or who suffer ridicule just for being Christian. \$518.75 was raised to send “God’s Love for You” Bible books written in the Hindi language!! Zion’s VBS program is an outstanding form of outreach. Read what one non-member parent had to say:



“I just wanted to share what an incredible experience my son had at VBS. He was reluctant to go, but actually cried today that it was over. He has been singing the songs all week and telling our whole family about his days:)”

Praise be to God!! **THANK YOU** to those who offered support and to all volunteers who offered their time and talents to carry the Gospel to children and their families in our community.

- 2 Carrie Albert
- 3 Leif Luedeman
- 4 Nicholas Buzzelli
- 4 Louise Prager
- 5 Anna Gresh
- 6 Megan Gauger
- 8 Paul Klemash
- 9 Matthew Monaghan
- 9 Pamela Trentini
- 10 Matthew Liberatore
- 12 Jennifer Fitzgerald
- 14 Brittany Buzzelli
- 15 Paula Jones
- 19 John Bishop
- 21 Matthew Oelschlager
- 22 Jane Lenhart
- 24 Rebekah Ackerman



- 24 Robert James III
- 25 Megan Meyer
- 28 Kimberly Luedeman
- 29 Henry Dittmer
- 29 Helen Erbrecht
- 29 Sheila Ferry
- 29 Christina Scott
- 29 Jaclyn Scott
- 30 Bernie Blanco
- 30 Dawn Geregach
- 30 George Kozak
- 31 Mitchell Fitzgerald

- 3 John and Tracey Coyle 1985
- 5 Jack and Jacque Oelschlager 1961
- 11 Ken and Bethany Schrag 2001
- 12 Peter and Barbara Fisher 1961
- 16 Henry and Lois Dittmer 1952
- 16 Robert and Amy Morgan 1997
- 18 John and Jean Endler 1951
- 22 Ronald and Betty Valentino 1959
- 24 John and Kari Gresh 1996
- 29 David and Mary Hutula 1964
- 30 Robert and Diana Schmidt 1969
- 31 William and Susan Bishop III 1996



We've Got a Vicar... Now What?

Last month, Zion saw the installation of her first Vicar, David Schultz. Vicar David's family came down for the installation, his wife Jenna stood by his side as he took up this new vocation, even little Leah seemed happy that her daddy was going to serve her Lord in this way. We celebrated with a Vicar Picnic around the pavilion, introduced ourselves to the Schultz family, wished them well and promised them our prayers.

So now what? Already we are seeing God work through Vicar David to be a blessing to our congregation and the Bridgeville area. No less than 48 hours into his vicarage, David asked me if he could shoulder the responsibility of organizing our 5th Annual Oktoberfest. As I am writing this, Vicar David is hard at work preparing his first sermon for Zion, which he will give just a few hours before going on the C.A.L.M. trip to Camp Pioneer and the Adirondacks. And when he gets back, you can bet he'll have a full plate working on reconfiguring our Confirmation program, getting a youth program up and running, helping out with Bible studies, shut-in visits, and learning how a congregation operates by attending Council, Elder, Board of Education and Trustee meetings.

We've been blessed to have David, Jenna and Leah with us for a short period of time. I have every confidence that the work they do during their time here will benefit us well into the future. Please continue to pray for David, Jenna and Leah as they prepare for being a family engaged in full-time ministry, sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ!

-Pastor Duncan McLellan

The Reigning Champs Need Your Help!

The reigning champions of the South Fayette Chili Cook-Off need your help!

The 2013 Cook-Off is just around the corner (September 15th) and we need people from Zion to help us defend our title! How can you help? First, help us the day of the Cook-Off by signing-up to man our booth! We need friendly people and smiling faces to give away what IS the best chili in South Fayette. Second, we YOU to buy tickets to the cook-off and vote for our "Dakota Chili" as your favorite. (Assuming, of course, that it actually IS your favorite. If not, you can let someone else vote in your place!)

Raise money for a good cause and help support your church!

Last year we gave our winnings to the Bridgeville Food Bank; we'd love to do the same again this year!



Service Participants

August

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTES
August 4	9:00 AM	Jay & Kim Anderson	Ryan Harris
August 11	9:00 AM	Wayne & Barb Oechslein	Josiah Ackerman
August 18	9:00 AM	George, Jane & Michael Kozak	Anthony Vallengunga
August 25	9:00 AM	Lois Sauro	Jennifer Fitzgerald
September 1	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Carl & Karen Bauer Elsie DallaPiazza	TBA Sydney Harris
September 8	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Joan Kovach Lois Klemash	Grant Geregach Josiah Ackerman

ELDERS	Frank Vallengunga, David Hutula
ALTAR GUILD	TBA
USHERS @ 9:00 am	Dan Harris, Richard Quinlan, Lois Sauro, Andy Weldon

September

ELDERS	Ken Wuerthele, Michael Sterba
ALTAR GUILD	Paula Jones, Pam Larson, Rose Steranko
USHERS @ 9:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 8:00 am	Carl Bauer, Gene Koop, Ron Meier, Jack Oelschlager
USHERS @ 10:30 am	Neil Ackerman, Sam Dragan, Kari Gresh, John Gresh

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlc.org of the change.

Zion Golf Outing

Sunday August 25, T-Time at 12:30

Village Green Golf Course

Hickory, PA

The total cost for the golf outing is \$55 per golfer, which includes a round of golf, a golf cart, and a catered dinner!

Both men and women golfers are welcome!

See Dick Wible for more information!





Oktoberfest!

2013

The 5th annual Zion Lutheran Church **Oktoberfest** is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm. The event will be an outdoor festival setting with German food, drinks, children's games, a DJ and more. Money raised through this event will go toward a secretary work station in the school lobby..

This year, the venue will include concession stand sales of various German-style food and beverages, such as:

- Brats
- Pretzels
- German potato salad
- Sauerkraut Balls
- Pierogies
- Desserts
- Root beer

We would like to continue to open this to as many community members as possible, so please help spread the word!



How can you help?

We are looking for volunteers on the day of the event to help set up before the festival and clean up after as well as working the concession stands. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex, so please volunteer if you are able to assist. We would like to fulfill all concession responsibilities by the week of August 18.

What is required for each concession stand operator?

- All food purchases and preparation of individual item(s). Committee will reimburse expenses, if individuals prefer not to donate.
- Responsible for manning the concession or assigning crew.
- Festival ticket collection for record keeping
- All serving supplies: to-go containers, plates, napkins, silverware, glasses, condiments, etc.



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Visit **ZLCB.ORG**

For updated information throughout the month.

The Rev. Duncan McLellan



Youth News

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Stars and Stripes! Thousands of troops overseas have received comforts from home, words of encouragement, and the knowledge that someone still cares and remembers them!

You can see some of the thank you notes that we received posted on the bulletin board in the

Visit www.OperationStarsAndStripes.org if you would like to learn more about their projects, critically needed items, and current photos and letters!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD BANK

Collection for this month's Bridgeville Area Food Bank is **Sunday August 11**. The "item of the month" is Crackers. You are also welcome to help at the Food Bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 and 12:00 at Bethany Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH FACILITY SIGN UP

Please note: committee heads and parishioners, if you intend to use the church facilities, the church office needs to be notified. The office is where we keep a master calendar of all church events and facilities being used. Please be sure that, if you need to use the facilities, it is marked on that calendar! Thank you!

Please continue to pray for Zion--that we would remain faithful to the scriptures and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, especially in these increasingly evil days. Also, keep our vicar, David, and his wife, Jenna, and their daughter, Leah, in your prayers as they continue to make the transition into their new life in Bridgeville! Lastly, please continue to pray for our home-bound members, that the God of all peace would give them comfort and strength to endure and enjoy their last days and years.

PRAYERS